

RAILROAD NEWS

Foreigners Are Checking Explosives on Passenger Trains.

Federal Laws Forbid Concealed Shipments in Country.

FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

Movement Started to Put a Stop to Long Practice.

Other Items of General Interest in Traffic World.

It has come to the attention of the bureau of explosives of the American Railway association, that many of the users of explosives, and especially miners who are foreigners not conversant with the English language or the requirements of the federal law, are in the habit of including packages of explosives in their baggage checked in the usual way on a passenger train and in packages of household goods shipped in the usual way by freight.

The federal law strictly forbids a concealed shipment of explosives on passenger trains even when declared. Packages of explosives must be packed in their regular shipping containers properly marked and accompanied by shipping orders of the usual form. The penalty provided for violations of the federal law are severe and may equal a fine not to exceed \$5,000 with or without imprisonment not to exceed 18 months.

Many violations of the kind described above have been reported. In all such cases where the evidence was sufficient to warrant conviction prosecutions have been started. Guilty parties even when their action was due to ignorance have been fined and imprisoned; ignorance is no excuse for a violation of this kind.

As examples, it may be stated that miners and other parties have taken kegs of blasting powder and even packages of loose sticks of dynamite mixed with blasting caps all wrapped in loose paper packages into the smoking cars of passenger trains. In other cases wash tubs and barrels supposed to contain household goods have been found to contain loose powder and sticks of dynamite.

This is a matter that affects public safety and this information should be used not only by parties to prevent their own practice from being in violation of the law, but each person should do all in his power to spread information in the interest of public safety and to prevent violations by parties.

Public spirited citizens willing to assist in promoting the safety of the bill in this respect and possessing information or suggestions that would be valuable are requested to correspond with Colonel B. W. Dunn, chief inspector, 30 Vesey street, New York city.

SANTA FE FIREMEN TO DANCE
Fifth Annual Ball Will Be Held at Steinberg's Tonight.

The fifth annual ball of the Santa Fe fire department will be given at Steinberg's Music hall tonight and a large number of the Santa Fe employees will attend. In giving this ball the fire department is celebrating the fifth anniversary of the opening of the building which is occupied by a machine and boiler shops will also be celebrated.

Elaborate plans have been made for this event and all the members of the fire department will be present to assist in entertaining the large crowd. A number of old time friends have been employed in the shops a number of years and who were members of the fire department when they were young men, also will attend and assist in entertaining.

There is much interesting history concerning this fire department and in giving this ball tonight much of it will be recalled. W. W. Stead, chief of the department, and wife will lead the grand march, followed by the other members of the organization in full uniform. A number of the city firemen will also attend.

The committee for the occasion tonight is composed of W. W. Stead, Fred Hartman, Gus Miller, Harry McFar, James Reynolds and Charlie Shields.

SWITCHMEN TO GIVE BALL
Topeka Union Will Dance on January 18.

The members of Switchman's union of Topeka will give their fifth annual ball January 18 at Music hall. In this occasion railroad men of different sections and divisions of the rail will come here to enjoy the annual affair, which is one of the greatest social functions in railroad circles. The program will be so arranged that the old and young may enjoy the advantage of such opportunities.

The ladies auxiliary will serve dainties and refreshments and the members of the organization are planning the ball will be the most elaborate of any of the former events and the switchmen have the reputation of being excellent entertainers.

Ray Hall's orchestra has been engaged for the occasion.

THIRTY YEARS WITH SANTA FE

D. Gray Celebrating Anniversary of Connection With Company.

A. D. Gray, cashier of the Santa Fe at the general offices, is celebrating his thirtieth anniversary as an employee of the system today and will be at his desk as usual. He came to Topeka from Holton thirty years ago and entered the employ of the company and has been continuously employed ever since. During that time he has had but little time either on account of sickness or for any other reason. He came to Kansas in October, 1881, from Nova Scotia, stopping at Holton for a short visit and then to Topeka to remain permanently.

He is one of the oldest employees on the system at the present time.

Oklahoma Wants Dr. James.
Minneapolis, Dec. 20.—According to dispatches received here Dean George W. James of the University of Minnesota has offered the presidency of the University of Oklahoma. His brother, Dr. E. James, is president of the University of Illinois.

British Steamer Stranded.
Pittsburgh, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Cardiff, N. Y., says that the British steamer Thistle Roy, from Cardiff via Galveston, December 21, for Liverpool and Cork, stranded on Cape Lookout shoal, will save ship.

MILESTONE IN PROGRESS

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but not in the auditing department, where a larger number of clerks are employed than in any of the other departments.

On account of the crowded condition it was necessary to rent office rooms in the various business buildings of the city. Among the buildings which were used by the railroad company was a room over the Prudential bank on Seventh street and Kansas avenue, rooms

eastern division in Topeka. He was promoted from this to a clerical position and eventually was transferred to the general office building where he assumed charge of the building and direction of the porters and others which are classed in this department.

A number of the men who are under the direction of Mr. Hayes are assigned as porters on the official cars and leave the city when the officers leave with one of the cars. Each of these men is assigned to a car and must go with it any time it is in use or taken out of the city. These men are employed in the building when the car is not in use.

It is the duty of Mr. Hayes to regulate the mail schedule and to see that it is sent out properly. Railroad mail is carried on all passenger trains and United States mail is carried on trains Nos. 2, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 12.

Mail is accepted by the messenger at the post office in the basement ten minutes before the wagon is due to leave for the depot which must be given sufficient time to make the trip without danger of missing the train through a short delay. About thirty minutes is required for this thus making it necessary to close the mails about forty minutes before the train is due.

This force of men must keep the building clean, must deliver the mail and stationery, deliver any other supplies and must do other work that is required around a place of this character.

REGIMENT OF MEN
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ment should a large fire result and become a raging furnace before being discovered.

The time card room, which is now located on the top floor of the old building, was formerly located in a room at 906 Kansas avenue. By moving the equipment of this room to its present location the work of the officers has been greatly facilitated.

The equipment consists chiefly of diagrams of the different divisions and the different districts of such divisions. A chart showing the exact location of each station, the grade, every curve in the track and every feature concerning the track, is shown on these charts. The officers of the operating department in meeting to arrange a new train schedule retire to this room where they use these diagrams almost continuously and are enabled to accomplish the desired results with more accuracy and with more dispatch.

Ladies' Rest Room.

A rest room for ladies also has been located on this floor. A part of the room formerly used by the clerical forces of the freight auditing department has been equipped for the exclusive use of the ladies with a matron in charge. Comfortable chairs, couches and other articles of equipment which will add to the ease and comfort to be obtained in this room have been put in. The walls will be decorated and every effort made to make the room as pleasant and attractive as one could desire.

The girls who are employed in the general offices use this room oftentimes while away the noon hour as a place of refuge in case of slight or temporary illness and for any other purpose desired.

The rest room was established about a month ago and has suddenly become popular with the gentler sex.

Mail and Express.
An express and postoffice, just the same as is maintained by the express companies or by the postoffice department is maintained on the first floor of the building. These departments have a regular force of men whose duties are just as important as that of the employees of any other department of the gigantic system.

A total of \$5,000 pounds of mail, all company correspondence, passes through this postoffice every month. A total of four men handle it. They receive it as it is delivered and brought in on the various trains which pass through the city. All this mail is handled by the baggagemen on the trains and government postage is not required by reason of it being private correspondence.

The number of pieces of mail to be handled each month has not been determined, but one must consider that this number would be several millions. It is brought in mail bags, similar to those used by the postoffice department of the government, sorted and delivered to the various departments under a system similar to that of the postoffice department.

The more important correspondence is handled by an express agent whose office is located in connection with the postoffice. One man who is employed by the Wells Fargo Express company is on duty during office hours whose entire time is consumed in receiving these important letters from the various departments of the building, making the necessary way bill for its shipment and delivering it to the delivery wagon which makes regular calls and which delivers it at the station at the depot that it might be properly forwarded, put on the trains and taken to the destination intended. Incoming express is not received at this office, but the express received from stations along the line is received from the trains and delivered to the various officers to whom it is intended by the drivers of the wagon.

These two departments are conducted in the same manner as offices of the same character which are located in other places.

The collection of mail and letters containing correspondence which are intended to be shipped to their destination by express are collected from a large box on this floor. A mail chute, attached outside the elevator shaft, extends from the top of this floor. The mailing clerks of the various departments drop the mail in the chute and it descends to the box where it is collected and conveyed to the office to be sent out.

Nothing but railroad correspondence is handled through this office. The mail which is received and sent out, which must pass through the government postoffice department, is taken to the postoffice to be sent out and that which is received is delivered by one of the regular carriers in the employ of the government.

Waste Paper.
One can hardly conceive the amount of waste paper that is collected in an establishment of this character or even the value of such. The janitors of the building, who are under the direction of J. M. Hayes, the custodian, collect the waste paper from the desks of every person employed in the general offices and take it to the waste paper room. Here a baler is used and the paper, which is the casual observer, has served its purpose, is pressed into a compact bale as hay or straw is seen on the market and shipped to the various paper mills of the country where it is mixed with pulp, reconverted and made into new paper of the various qualities and again thrown out to the world to be used for correspondence again. A total of 38,000 pounds of waste paper is collected at this building each month.

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Filing Records.
Records of all kind and of the various departments are stored away for a number of years before being destroyed. It is necessary that they be stored in a place where they can be referred to readily and without a long search by those who wish to use them. After these records are kept in this place for a time they eventually pass out of use and are moved to a more secluded place for a longer period of storage but it is often found necessary to refer back through some of them for several years and it is necessary that they be retained for this use.

One not familiar with work of this character can hardly conceive the value of keeping these records on file or imagine the number of times it is necessary to refer to them.

On account of this, the uppermost floor of the new building and the basement is being retained as a record or file room. These two places will be divided in divisions for restoring records of the respective departments until they have passed out of use when they will be removed to a more remote location.

In addition to these two places that will be maintained, the basement of the old building and the basement of the same purpose. Other rooms in the old building are also being used and one can hardly venture in the rooms of the giant office combination but that they will be converted by vacating or rearranging the furniture and the rooms which contained numerous records of every conceivable character which pertain to the business of the greatest railroad system in the west if not the entire country.

A part of the local freight station, located on Fourth and Adams streets also is used for storing these records and practically all of the freight station, which was the first general office building of the system and which is now located in the company's lumber yard between Fourth and Sixth streets and extending east from the tracks to Brainerd street, is used for this purpose. A large number of these records are destroyed every year but those which are destroyed are of work of long ago for which no further use can be found.

These records are not dumped out in the street or in a furnace and burned but are shipped to one of the numerous paper mills of the country where it is shredded, mixed with wood pulp and reconverted into commercial paper and again put on the market.

The company finds a ready sale for this waste paper because of the shortage of wood pulp and usually receives a handsome price for the waste material from the paper factories who desire it to mix with the pulp and turn back to the consumers for additional use.

Pneumatic Tubes.
Pneumatic tubes extend from every department to the telegraph office. Messages for transmission or those which have been received are delivered to the various departments, are placed in leather tubes which are put in the pneumatic tube and conveyed to its proper destination. A pump propels the tubes and delivered almost instantaneously to its destination. This is maintained for conveying messages from the telegraph office to the various departments and vice versa.

This is a great labor saving device and relieves the company of the employment of a number of messenger boys who would otherwise be necessary to deliver messages to or from the telegraph office. One can hardly appreciate the volume of telegraph work that is necessary in a place of this character. A force of more than fifty telegraph operators are employed to conduct the work of this character.

Numerous messages are received from points along the line and numerous others are sent out. When one considers that 21,000 telegraph stations are maintained along the lines of the system and realize that information is constantly necessary for the use of the force in the general office or information by the station agent from a large number of messages are received, it is not too much to say that the performance of cars, engines, the coal department and various other reports which are necessary for the proper operation of the system which must be transmitted by telegraph to the various office heads each day one then realizes that a large number of tele-

graph operators are employed in this work.

In addition to the work mentioned there is much other work that often necessitates hurried correspondence and that of the telegraph is the only system by which this correspondence can be carried on to the satisfaction of the officers and to produce the desired results. This is sometimes insufficient.



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